

CAN YOU THINK UNDER PRESSURE? ★★

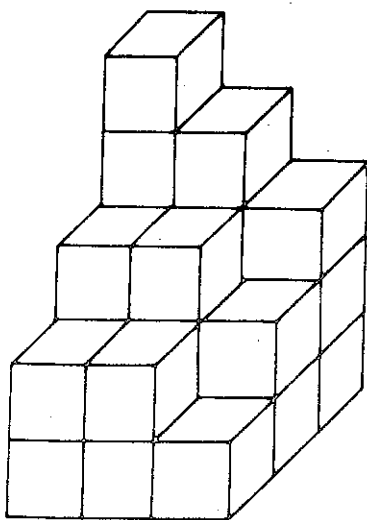
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This test measures your ability to follow directions and think clearly under pressure. It is said that people who score well make good teachers, computer technicians, and masochists.

You have exactly six minutes to read and answer the following questions. Have a pencil ready, and a clock or stopwatch handy to time yourself. When the six minutes are up, stop working, whether or not you're finished.

On your mark, get set, go! *Answers and ratings, page 187*

If the letter X appears before the comma in this sentence, cross it out. Otherwise draw a wavy line under the word SEX. Circle the odd one out: *happy, glad, euphoric, gaiety, delighted*. How many cubes are there in the stack below? _____



If a horse has five legs, put a dot in this square ☐, but if it doesn't, leave the square blank, and answer the negative of this question incorrectly: How old are you? _____

What four coins add up to 26¢? _____

If cats and kittens don't bark, write DOG in this space _____, but if Nebraska is larger than Texas, enter BIG here. _____ Be sure to write NO here if March is the third month of the year. _____ Read each word

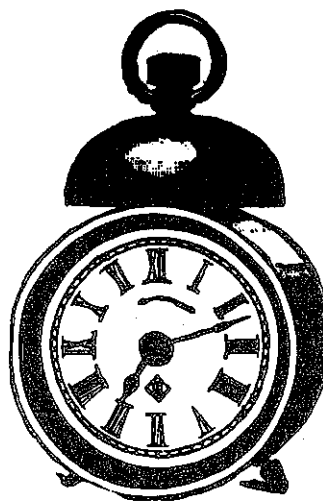
of this sentence in reverse and answer in the space provided:

tahW seod "golf" lleps drawkcb? _____ Don't write PIG in this blank _____, unless oxygen is a metal or birds can't

fly. True or false: All those tested were accepted; Marty was rejected; therefore, Marty was not tested. _____

If yesterday was three days before Friday, what will tomorrow be? _____ Name five words that start and end with the letter M. _____

What relation is your brother's uncle to you? _____ Don't neglect to put a check mark in this square ☐, even if Millard Fillmore was once President of the United States. The time



shown by the clock above is 7:12. Approximately what time would it be if the hands were reversed? _____ Write HOT at the bottom of this page—but hold it! If the word COLD doesn't have the same number of letters as HOT, write ICE at the bottom of the page instead, unless a refrigerator is not cooler than a stove, in which case just write BRRRR. Count the number of N's in this sentence and enter your answer, spelled out, in this blank. _____ If this quiz was too hard for you, write I QUIT below this sentence. Otherwise just write I QUIT.